(d) whether it is also a fact that ULFA militants are getting assistance from abroad;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) A Unified Headquarter has been functioning in Assam since January 1997, to coordinate the counter insurgency operations of Army, Central Police forces and State police the militant outfit United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA). During the current year (up to March 13,2007) 33 ULFA cadres, have been killed in encounter and 114 arrested. The security forces also recovered 42 weapons including 9 AK series rifles, 56 grenades, 3 IEDs and 18 Kgs. explosive material.

(d) and (e) As per reports ULFA has established camps/hideouts in some neighboring countries.

(f) The Government has taken various steps to control the terrorist activities of ULFA. These include, *inter alia*, deployment of Para-military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para Military Forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967, declaration of "disturbed area" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the state Government and modernization/up-gradation of State Police Force. Regular review of the situation both at state and Central Government level is being made.

Investment by terrorist outfits in Share Market

†2506. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist outfits are investing money in the Share Market and Real Estate;

(b) if so, the name of those major terrorist outfits and countries which are investing the money in India, through improper means;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is a fact that the internal security of the country has been put to big threat due to this; and

(d) whether Government have strong evidences in this regard; if so, the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) As per available reports, terrorists and terrorist organizations active in India are using different channels to fund their operations. They route their funds mainly through hawala and other informal means. Banking channels are also a significant route for movement of funds by such elements. the Government views the menace of terrorism including different modes of its financing as an area of serious concern. The Government pursues a multi-dimensional approach to deal with terrorist activities and extends support to the States in neutralizing such terrorist activities. The Government has taken measures which include strengthening of border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment, of security forces both at the Centre and in the States, undertaking well coordinated intelligence based operations. Besides, steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral and multilateral cooperation to deal with the menace of terrorism, given its global dimensions.

Monitoring of airport security

2507. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Home Affairs has decided to mull security agency to monitor airports ground operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Civil Aviation Ministry has accepted the proposal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.